

Rowing British Columbia Umpire committee report as of September 2023

This year has brought a lot of challenges to adequately staff regattas with sufficient numbers of umpires. Much of the Rowing BC Umpire Committee's time is spent on begging and borrowing to try and supply enough for a day, weekend, or sometimes 3 days in a row. We know the number of days and length of days is a hardship for many existing umpires and a deterrent for recruiting new umpires.

Meanwhile, we are supplying umpires with equipment bags. Thank you Gord and Ge-an for taking care of all of these for the rest of us.

We in BC are fortunate to have 4 World Rowing umpires in our ranks with two names put forward to become World Rowing umpires, hopefully, in the near future.

Recognition:

We would like to acknowledge several umpires, who have retired from umpiring, for their service over the years, note the year they started umpiring:

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| Linda Milne- 1997 | Pat Brand-2016 |
| Brian Clarke- 2016 | Roberto Dosil- 2016 |
| Lori Lumley- 2015 | Bruce Nicmans- 2013 |
| Phillip Steward- 2012 | Ralph Quint- 2008 |
| Marke Noble- 2010 | Joy Fera- 2017 |
| Jane Wrinch- 2016 | |

We would also like to welcome to our official licensed umpire ranks:

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| Susan MacDonald | Timmy Leung |
| Veronika Peacock | Jane McCall |

New Associate Umpires this year:

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| Sonja Lonne | Loraine McCulloch |
| Veronika Peacock | Dennis Rutherford |

Kate Rutherford

New Assistant Umpires this year :

Andrew Johnstone Cindy Lundy Fred Blue

Conlin McCabe Elizabeth Wilson

Umpire Statistics:

Umpire Statistics for 2023 as of September 15;

Assistant Umpires: 15

Associate Umpires: 18

Level 2 Umpires: 26

Level 3 Associate Chief Umpires: 3

Level 3 umpires: 16

Regattas:

Number of regattas booked for 2023 (including ones out of province that BC umpires attend): 37

Number of regattas booked but cancelled: 2

1 day regattas: 22

2 day regattas: 11

3 day regattas: 6

More than three days: 1

Number of days worked by individual umpires thru the year varies from

1 to 34. Quite a few umpires worked 15- 30 days in the year, to date, and the year is not over yet.

We have once again been able to travel to the US for umpiring at their regattas. We sent umpires to 3 US regattas this year. Keep these in mind if you would like to experience this next year. We also get invited to out of province regattas. This year we sent umpires to Ontario and to Alberta.

Resources:

Rowing BC website has all the information needed to complete your Safesport training resources. All umpires are required to take this course and to complete Rowing Canada Aviron's screening process.

The Rowing BC website also has all the resources you need to improve your skills and, if you wish, to help in your journey to becoming a Chief Umpire.

Jury sign ups can be made at any time. Consult the google docs Regatta Signups spreadsheet and send an email to the umpire committee with your availability for regattas.

Rowing BC Committee Elections:

We are going to have elections for four spots this year. All licensed umpires can come and join the committee.

Returning for the second year of their terms:

Sheree Moffatt and Ge-An Rijniersce

Thank you for your service to Margaret Shorter, Tim Henderson, Gord Sund.

Submitted by Rowing BC Umpire Committee Chair, Sheree Moffatt